sent to the Second Branch, who returned the same endorsed "concurred in".

The joint committee on police to whom was referred the memorial of Jonas Bobser and others relative to swine going at large — a communication from the city Commissioner, relative to grading and paving footways. a communication from the Counsellor of the city, on the subject of rail road turnouts — a supplement to an ordinance entitled "An ordinance for inspecting weights and measures within the City of Baltimore — and a resolution of enquiry relative to a slaughter house erected by John W Pontz — beg leave to report: that the matters embraced in the above subjects have been previously acted upon by the Council: and they would recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Wm N Starr — R. H. Richardson
Wm A Hack — Henry Myers
First Branch. — Second Branch.

Resolved That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr Davis called up the resolution relative to a place of deposit for the sediment raised from the harbor.

Mr Davis moved to amend the first resolution, by adding to the end thereof the following
"Provided the said wharf shall be made and prepared for the reception of the sediment, in two years from the passage of this resolution".

The resolutions were adopted and sent to the second Branch who returned the same endorsed "concurred in"

Mr Soran called up the preamble and resolutions relative to constitutional reform in the State.

Mr Soran offered the following as a substitute.

Standing in the relation we do to the people of the City of Baltimore, and feeling apprehensive that a neglect to express our judgment, might prejudice ~~that~~ cause and lead to misconstruction of our wishes; we do not feel ourselves at liberty to close the present session of the Council without giving to our Constituents and the State at large, a clear and unequivocal expression of our views upon the great and vitally important question of constitutional reform.

And Whereas, the existing constitution of the State of Maryland, is essentially and radically defective, unsound in principle, unjust, unequal and expensive in its action; is legislative representation a complete rotten-borough system, in which the sacredness of numbers is entirely subverted by arbitrary and conventional boundaries; and requires a thorough and vigorous application of the hand of reform, to produce a healthy

a healthy change in the body politic.

And Whereas, the apportionment of representatives with a sole regard to population is the very foundation, the vital principle of republican government, sound beyond question in theory and practice, and involves the right to tax themselves, a right which the American people have ever held dear from the time it led their fathers to independence.

And Whereas, this vital principle is grossly violated under the operation of our present State constitution, which gives to one voter in Calvert County the same weight and influence, as to the House of Delegates that twelve voters in Baltimore have: and as regards the Senate, the same weight and influence that twenty two have who vote in our city; thus demonstrating beyond question, that the laws emanating from the State Legislature, are not and cannot be — as they undoubtedly should — the offspring of the popular will, and that republican principles are not and cannot be its controlling influences

And Whereas, we believe that this gross inequality of representation is the very foundation of all the political evils under which we labor, that all others are merely incidental and collateral to it, and that such a change in the organic law as would terminate this monstrous abuse, and give to the people of the whole State without regard to geographical limits or extent, a fair, equal, republican basis of representation; — at least in the House of Delegates — would protect the majority against the enactment of onerous and unjust laws of which they are now the subjects, even if it would not ensure the passage of good ones, would eventually and naturally work out all necessary reforms, and would be found eminently promotive of the happiness, prosperity and honor of all. Therefore be it

1st. Resolved by both Branches of the City Council of Baltimore, That experience has fully proven the soundness of the principle, that the people are the safest depositories, and the rightful source of power, and that in accordance with this sacred maxim, the citizens of Baltimore should insist upon such a recognition of it by our State government as would effectually secure to them a fair, equal, republican basis of representation at least for (what is called) "the popular branch of the legislature".

2d. Resolved. That the mild, liberal, conceding policy which Baltimore has always hitherto pursued upon this question, has not been met by the counties in that generous and reciprocal spirit which we had a right to expect. On the contrary, by tamely and submissively yielding as we have to legislative outrages, in the shape of violations almost annually, of the chartered rights of the city, until there are now scarcely any left worth contending for; and by the passage of onerous, unjust, partial laws, designed to operate exclusively against her citizens;

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